



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL J. CHAD “JETHRO” PHILLIPS

Col Chad Phillips is the Commander, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Oklahoma Air National Guard. He is the senior officer responsible for organizing, training, and equipping over 1,200 personnel. He provides the governor and federal commanders with personnel and equipment to meet state emergencies, national emergencies, and ongoing force requirements. The wing provides command, control, and oversight of a 21 primary assigned F-16CM fighter squadron, flies more than 2,600 sorties annually and logs more than 3,500 flying hours each year. He is also responsible for oversight of 138th Fighter Wing, Detachment 1 at Ellington Field, Texas executing the Aerospace Control Alert mission.

Col Phillips commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1994. He served as a project engineer in the 92nd Civil Engineering Squadron before beginning Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1995 at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. After completing F-16 upgrade training at Luke AFB, Arizona in 1997, his first operational assignment was the 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea where he served as an Electronic Combat Pilot. Col Phillips' next operational assignment was the 55th Fighter Squadron at Shaw AFB, South Carolina, where he served as Flight Commander and Instructor Pilot. At his third assignment, the 510th Fighter Squadron at Aviano AB, Italy, Col Phillips was selected for the USAF Weapons Instructor Course. Following graduation from Weapons Instructor Course, he returned to Aviano and became the 510th Fighter Squadron's Weapons Officer. Col Phillips was invited to return to Nellis AFB, Nevada where he served as Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Training, and Assistant Director of Operations for the 16th Weapons Squadron. His last active duty assignment was at the 603rd Air and Space Operations Center in Ramstein AB, Germany as the Senior Offensive Duty Officer and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. In 2009, Col Phillips joined the 125th Fighter Squadron, Oklahoma Air National Guard in Tulsa, Oklahoma as an instructor pilot. Col Phillips has served as the 138th Fighter Wing Chief of Safety as well as the 138th Operational Support Squadron Commander. Prior to his current position, Col Phillips served as the 138th Maintenance Group Commander.



Col Phillips is a command pilot with over 3000 hours in the T-37, T-38, and F-16. He has flown over 100 combat sorties and over 350 hours of combat time in the F-16. He has participated in Operation NORTHERN WATCH, Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Master of Science, Aviation and Space Management, Oklahoma State University, Tulsa, Oklahoma

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1994–March 1995, Project Engineer, 92 CES, Fairchild AFB, Washington
2. April 1995–June 1996, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla
3. July 1996–March 1997, Student, F-16 Formal Training, 61 FS, Luke AFB, Arizona
4. April 1997–April 1998, Electronic Combat Pilot, 35 FS, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
5. April 1998–May 2001, Scheduler, Flight Commander, Mission Commander, Instructor Pilot, 55 FS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
6. June 2001–March 2003, Chief of Standards & Evaluations, Weapons Officer, 510 FS, Aviano AB, Italy
7. April 2003–May 2006, Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Training, ADO, 16 WPS, Nellis AFB, Nevada
8. June 2006–May 2009, Senior Offensive Duty Officer, Chief of Stan/Eval, 603 AOC, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. June 2009–December 2011, Instructor & Alert Pilot, 125 FS, Tulsa ANG, Okla
10. January 2011–August 2013, Chief of Training, Assistant Director of Operations, 125 FS, Tulsa ANG, Okla
11. August 2013–May 2016, Chief of Safety, 138 FW, Tulsa ANG, Okla
12. May 2016–October 2018, 138th Operations Support Squadron Commander, Tulsa ANG, Okla
13. October 2018–April 2022, 138th Maintenance Group Commander, Tulsa ANG, Okla
14. April 2022–Present, Wing Commander, 138 FW, Tulsa ANG, Okla

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: more than 3000

Combat hours: more than 350

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-16

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal, w/ 4 devices

Air Medal, w/ 2 devices

Aerial Achievement Medal, w/ 3 devices

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal, w/ 1 device

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, w/ 6 devices

Combat Readiness Medal, w/ 10 devices

National Defense Service Medal, w/ 1 device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal, w/ 1 device

Iraq Campaign Medal, w/ 1 device

GWOT Service Medal

Korea Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, w/ 2 devices

Air Force Overseas Ribbon (short) w/ 1 device

Air Force Overseas Ribbon (long)

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ gold border and 1 device

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon w/ 5 devices

Armed Forces Reserve Medal, w/ 2 M devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

NATO Medal w/ one device

Additional Achievements:

1994 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1994 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION *[MILITARY ONLY]*

Second Lieutenant June 29, 1994

First Lieutenant June 29, 1996

Captain June 29, 1998

Major December 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel August 1, 2011

Colonel October 1, 2018

(CURRENT AS OF FEBRUARY 2024)